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SUBJECT: PLO IN UNRWA

REF: A) BEIRUT 2813; B) STATE 24984; C) USUN 266

1. DEPT HAS REVIEWED THIS PROBLEM CAREFULLY IN LIGHT
REF (A). WE CONTINUE TO OPPOSE ANY FORMAL RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN PLO AND UNRWA, INCLUDING "OBSERVER STATUS" OR ANY
SORT OF INVITATION COMING FROM AD COM TO PLO TO TAKE PART
IN AD COM PROCEEDINGS FOR REASONS OUTLINED PARA 1, REF B.

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EMBASSY SHOULD AGAIN MAKE THIS POINT TO COMGEN.

2. GIVEN SENSITIVITY FOR US OF PLO RELATIONSHIP WITH UN BODIES AND BECAUSE OF IMPORTANCE OF TIMING, EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO REQUEST COMGEN TO GIVE USG AS MUCH NOTICE AS POSSIBLE ON WHETHER INVITATION TO PLO WILL COME UP AT AD COM MEETING AND IN WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES, BECAUSE ALL QUESTIONS OF US PARTICIPATION IN AD COM WITH PLO PRESENCE MUST BE REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT FOR DECISION.

3. COMGEN SHOULD BE TOLD THAT IN LIGHT OF PREVAILING CONGRESSIONAL REACTIONS, AS SHOWN IN PART BY CUT OFF OF US FUNDS TO UNESCO, CONTINUING US FINANCING FOR UNRWA

COULD WELL BE ENDANGERED BY AD COM'S GIVING STATUS TO PLO. RECENT EVENTS IN ISRAEL INVOLVING PLO MAKE THIS A PARTICULARLY INAPPROPRIATE TIME FOR PLO APPEARANCE AT YET ANOTHER UN BODY.

4. WE UNDERSTAND COMGEN CONVENES AD COM MEETING AT REQUEST OF ONE OR MORE MEMBER STATES. ACCORDINGLY IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO DETERMINE IN ADVANCE WHETHER ANY MEMBER PROPOSES TO SPONSOR PLO ATTENDANCE AT MEETING. IF PROPOSED AT MEETING WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING, COMGEN SHOULD BE ABLE TO PREVAIL ON AD COM CHAIRMAN TO SUSPEND MEETING BY CALLING FOR CONSULTATIONS. IF HE DOES NOT, US MEMBER SHOULD DO SO.

5. IN THE EVENT THAT QUESTION PLO PARTICIPATION SHOULD ARISE IN AD COM WITHOUT ADEQUATE WARNING AND EFFORTS TO POSTPONE OR SUSPEND MEETING FAIL, AND AD COM TAKES DECISION TO BRING PLO INTO SAME MEETING, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS AS TO WHAT USG REACTION SHOULD BE; (A) WE COULD ABSENT OURSELVES FROM ANY MEETING TO WHICH PLO INVITED REGARDLESS OF CONTEXT AND INFORM OTHER AD COM MEMBERS THAT THIS WILL BE RESULT OF INVITATION TO PLO IN ANY FORM; (B) WE COULD ATTEMPT DURING MEETING, PREFERABLY THROUGH SOME FRIENDLY AD COM MEMBER, TO PERSUADE AD COM CHAIRMAN TO INVITE PLO TO MAKE A STATEMENT TO AD COM LIMITED TO A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM; THIS COURSE WOULD APPEAR TO BE IN CONFIDENTIAL

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LINE WITH UN LEGAL ADVISOR'S OPINION (REF C) AND WOULD AVOID PLO PRESENCE IN WHOLE MEETING. IT THEN MIGHT BE ARGUED THAT PLO NOT A FORMAL PARTICIPANT OR OBSERVER AT AN UNRWA AD COM MEETING BUT MERELY INVITED BY AD COM, DESPITE US VIEWS, TO MAKE STATEMENT TO AD COM ON A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM. DEPT INCLINES TOWARD (A) ON ITS MERITS AND IN VIEW OF DIFFICULTY IN MAKING DISTINCTION IN (B) UNDERSTANDABLE EITHER TO CONGRESS OR PLO.

6. DEPT NEEDS EMBASSY'S CURRENT VIEWS ON WHETHER OR NOT
PLO GENUINELY DESIRES PARTICIPATE IN AD COM, ATTITUDES
OF HOST GOVERNMENTS TOWARDS SUCH PARTICIPATION, PLO'S
UNWILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT ANY FORMULA OTHER THAN THAT OF
FULL PARTICIPANT, AND PLO'S LIKELY BEHAVIOR IN AD COM IF
IT DOES PARTICIPATE- TO WHAT DEGREE IS HOPE THAT PLO WILL
DIRECT FUNDS FROM OIL PRODUCERS FACTOR IN ATTITUDE OF
COMGEN AND HOST GOVERNMENTS TOWARD PLO PRESENCE IN AD COM?
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